UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Hon. Madeline Cox Arleo

Crim. No. 14-220

v.

COREY HAMLET et al. **Declaration of Special Agent**

Brian Crowe

Special Agent Brian Crowe declares under penalty of perjury, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1746, that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am a Special Agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"). I have been employed by the DEA for more than 16 years. I am currently assigned to the DEA New Jersey Division Group 5 Task Force 1. As a Special Agent, I am responsible for enforcing the narcotics laws of the United States.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the criminal investigation of Lateef Grimsley, a/k/a "Bird" ("Grimsley").
- 3. On November 12, 2013, I was present at the search of a heroin mill, located in the third-floor apartment of a building at 707 Broadway, in Newark, New Jersey ("707 Broadway").
- 4. On or about a week before November 12, 2013, a confidential source ("CS-1") working with the DEA provided information that Grimsley was operating a heroin mill out of 707 Broadway.
- 5. CS-1 was a reliable informant who had provided information to the DEA in at least one other investigation, which the DEA had corroborated with independent evidence.
 - 6. At the time that CS-1 provided the information related to 707

Broadway, CS-1 had convictions for simple assault, at least six convictions for distribution of narcotics, and resisting arrest. Following the search of 707 Broadway, CS-1 sustained two convictions for distribution of narcotics.

- 7. On November 12, 2013, the DEA conducted surveillance in the area of 707 Broadway and observed several individuals going to 707 Broadway. The DEA observed a minimum that returned to 707 Broadway multiple times to drop off some of those individuals.
- 8. After Grimsley was detained, law enforcement officers asked him who was inside 707 Broadway. He said he did not know.
- 9. I was a member of the team that conducted a protective sweep of 707 Broadway. We entered 707 Broadway after individuals began to jump out of the rear window and one of those individuals drove a car into a occupied police vehicle, attempting to flee.

I, Brian Crowe, certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Brian Crowe, Special Agent

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration